

Washington DC Visit by 3 UEC Chairs



The Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC)

An Exciting Beginning and a Compelling Future

3-Chairs visits to Washington DC:

April 11, 2005: Gary, Vicki, Brant

Oct. 17, 2005: Brant, Gary, John

March 20, 2006: Brant, Gary, John

Who are we?

**Chairs of the Users' Executive Committee
of the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC)
and Alternating Gradient Synchrotron (AGS)
at Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL)**



Prof. Gary Westfall
Past-Chair
Michigan State University
East Lansing, MI



Dr. Brant Johnson
Chair
Brookhaven National Laboratory
Upton, NY



Prof. John Hill
Chair-Elect
Iowa State University
Ames, IA

Who do we represent?

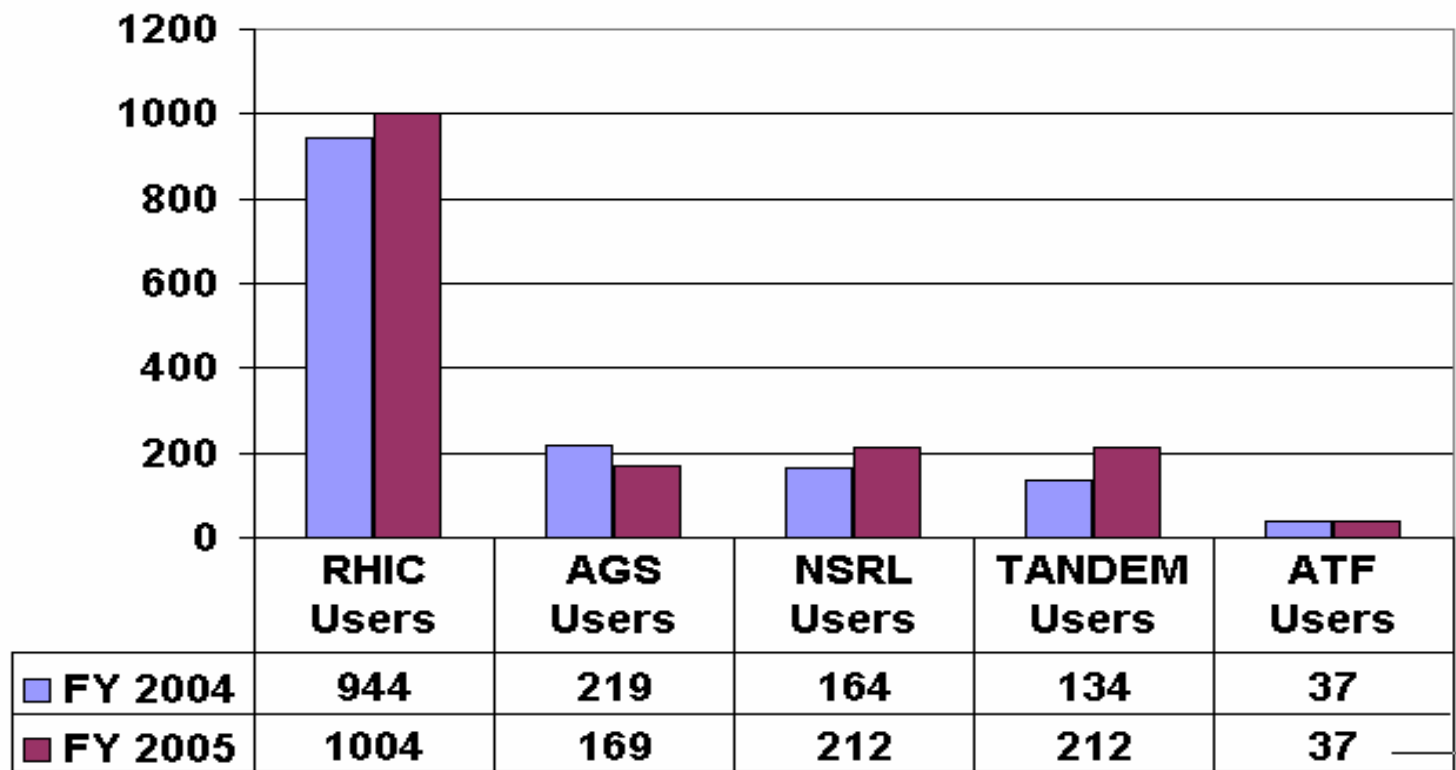
Over 1600 Scientists (students, postdocs, faculty/staff) who make use of BNL's RHIC, AGS, National Space Radiation Lab (NSRL), Tandems, and Accelerator Test Facility (ATF).

Since most of our users are RHIC, and that is flagship of facility, we will focus today on RHIC heavy ions & spin.

Total Users

1498

1634



April 11, 2005 visit by Gary, Vicki, Brant

- 9:30 Joel Parriott, Program Manager for Science, OMB
- 10:30 Pat Looney, Office of Management and Budget
- lunch
- 2:00 Drew Willison, Minority Clerk and Nancy Olkewicz, Professional Staff Member, Senate Energy & Water Development Appropriations Subcommittee
- 3:00 Dixon Butler, Minority Clerk, House Energy & Water Dev. Appropriations Subcommittee & Nick Holder, Legislative Assistant to Tim Bishop
- 3:30 Brian Newkirk, Legislative Assistant to Congressman Jim Cooper (TN)
- 4:30 House Science Committee, Majority and Minority staff Kevin Carroll, Staff Director, and other members of the Energy Subcommittee Committee on Science

Heavy Ion and Spin Physics at RHIC 90 min. presentation to Rob DiMeo, OSTP:

http://www.phenix.bnl.gov/~brant/ostp/ostp_UECchairs.ppt

Briefly joined (for 5 min.) by Joel Parriott, OMB

Later, Rob DiMeo called Brant to ask followup questions and then again to ask about budget Impact of Congressional budget action. Then, Brant met him briefly again during Rob's Dec. visit to BNL

March 20, 2006 visit by Brant, Gary, John

- 9:00 Breakfast with our host, *Rudy Barnes*, Batelle
- 10:00 Kevin Cook, Clerk of the House Energy and Water Development Appropriations Committee
- 11:00 Kevin Carroll, Staff Director, House Energy Subcommittee of Committee on Science, and **Michael Holland**, Chairman's Designee
- 12:15 Nick Holder, Assistant to Tim Bishop (brief visit)
- lunch
- 1:30 Kathryn Clay, Senate Energy Committee (no show)
- 3:00 Joel Parriott, OMB, Rob DiMeo and Jon Morse, OSTP (hour-long meeting at coffee shop)

Lessons Learned - 1

- UEC Chair visits to Washington, DC are VERY IMPORTANT AND USEFUL (as are user visits – see next talk by John Hill).
- Visits in both Spring (March or April) and Fall (October) serve different purposes.
 - Spring is time to visit Congress to ask for support of budget (and to visit OSTP/OMB, when they are relaxed)
 - Fall is time to visit only OSTP (OMB) and perhaps, DOE.
- Because it is very unlikely to meet directly with Senators or Representatives, a recess-week visit allows for longer visits and more exchange of information.

Lessons Learned - 2

- Our message must be clear:
 1. First and foremost we thank everyone we meet for their past support.
 2. Then, we make it clear that we ask for support of
 1. science
 2. physical sciences
 3. nuclear physics
 4. user research groups at univ. and nat. labs
 5. operation of the RHIC & AGS accel. complex
 3. We DO NOT disparage any others
- A one-page (not double sided) “leave behind” should be structured:
 - What do we want
 - Why is our research so important
 - How will it benefit our country